

Knox Presbyterian Church

Location: Cranbrook, Ontario
Year built: 1865

THE HISTORY OF THE congregation dates to 1855 when the government was petitioned to grant the present site. Before a church building was built, services were held in the school. There was no regular organization until 1865 when Rev. John Ferguson was inducted into the pastoral charge of Brussels, Cranbrook and Walton. Services were held in Cranbrook once every two weeks.



The Church now looks much as it did when this photograph was taken c. 1900.

The first church was built in 1865 by gentlemen in the district who furnished the timber and hauled it to the site. John Hunter was the contractor.

The first trustees of Knox Presbyterian Church were William McInnes, Robert Leckie, Peter Sinclair, William McKay, Alexander McNair, Donald McNeill and James McNair. They were among those who helped build the church.



Five of the coloured glass windows are memorial windows dedicated in 1963.

Rev. D.B. McRae was inducted in 1876 and ministered to the congregation for the next 36 years. Alice Forrest served as church organist from 1920 to 1955 when she was followed by Mrs. Stuart McNair.

The present manse was built in the summer of 1876. The church was moved to the north of the lot in 1888 and placed on a stone foundation. The exterior of the church was veneered with white brick.
